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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR MUSICH'S RESIGNATION ACCEPTED

1. I CALLED ON FOREIGN MINISTER GUZZETTI AT HIS REQUEST AT 6:30 TONIGHT (SEPT 17). HE INFORMED ME AMBASSADOR MUSICH HAS RESIGNED AND RESIGNATION HAS NOW BEEN ACCEPTED BY PRESIDENT VIDELA (AFTER LATTER HAD GIVEN MUSICH THREE DAYS TO RECONSIDER). NEWS OF RESIGNATION WILL BE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED TONIGHT AND THUS WILL BE IN MORNING PRESS. GUZZETTI INDICATED GOA WILL ASK FOR PLACET FOR NEW AMBASSADOR SOMETIME NEXT WEEK. HE SAID PRESIDENT VIDELA HOPED TO MAKE REQUEST TO ME WHEN I SEE HIM TUESDAY (SEPT 21).

2. GUZZETTI EXPRESSED REGRET OVER MUSICH'S DECISION TO RESIGN, WHICH HE SAID WAS DUE TO "PRESSING PERSONAL PROBLEMS." MUSICH WILL RETURN TO WASHINGTON SUNDAY SEPT 19 TO BEGIN TO CLOSE OUT HIS AFFAIRS. HE WILL REMAIN LONG ENOUGH TO ACCOMPANY FOREIGN MINISTER GUZZETTI TO UNGA SEPT 30 AND DEDICATION OF STATUE IN WASHINGTON OCT 6. MUSICH WILL THEN DEPART WASHINGTON ON OR ABOUT OCT 15.

3. GUZZETTI REQUESTS PRIVATE AUDIENCE WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER WHILE HE IS IN US THEY CAN CONTINUE CONVERSATIONS BEGUN IN SANTIAGO.

4. ON ANOTHER SUBJECT, GUZZETTI SAID HE HAD RECEIVED OUR NOTE ON PATRICIA ERB CASE. PRESIDENT VIDELA HIMSELF IS TRYING TO RESOLVE PROBLEM, GUZZETTI SAID, AND HOPES TO HAVE FURTHER INFORMATION FOR ME WHEN I SEE HIM TUESDAY-- IF NOT BEFORE.

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5. FURTHER DETAILS OF OUR 65 MINUTE CONVERSATION FOLLOW SOONEST.

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